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Wildcats win in Huggins' return to Little Apple

Adam Suderman
staff writer

In the much-anticipated return of former K-State head coach Bob Huggins, who now serves as head coach for the West Virginia Mountaineers, the Wildcats' defense brought one of its strongest games this season.

Behind 19 points from junior guard Will Spradling, the Wildcats pulled out a 71-61 victory against West Virginia in the Mountaineers' inaugural visit to Bramlage Coliseum.

K-State had five players in double figures, including sophomore forwards Thomas Gipson and Nino Williams, who contributed 11 and 13 points respectively off the bench.

K-State established its defensive dom-

inance early and often as they limited the Mountaineers to 3-for-9 shooting in the game's first 10 minutes. West Virginia struggled to find rhythm offensively, committing six turnovers in the early stretch. The Wildcats established a 33-20 lead at the break behind 50 percent shooting after forcing West Virginia to just 7-of-23 shooting.

"Even against Baylor, we score 81 and everyone is talking about our offense but I was really impressed with our defense and what we did on them," K-State head coach Bruce Weber said. "Even tonight we hold them to 20 [points in the first half] and a couple of those were at the end, we turned it over and had a couple of little careless plays."

Will Spradling surpassed his season high of 17 points against Florida earlier this

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K-State junior guard Will Spradling, surrounded by West Virginia defenders, gets fouled while taking a shot during the Wildcats' game against the visiting West Virginia Mountaineers on Monday night in Bramlage Coliseum. K-State beat the Mountaineers in a 71-61 game that included 49 personal fouls and 55 free throws.



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College degree worth it, professors say

Elizabeth Hughes
staff writer

With tuition costs rising every year, many students are asking the question: Is a college degree really worth it? Two K-State professors of economics both agreed that yes, the financial sacrifices are all indeed "worth it."

Daniel Kuester, director of undergraduate studies for the department of economics, said that those who earn a college degree will earn 70 percent more income over the course of a lifetime than those who only complete high school.

"Probably about 30 years ago, the wage premium of a college degree was estimated to be about 20 percent," Kuester said. "Today, it's closer to 70 percent, so on average a college graduate earns about 70 percent more than someone without a degree. Certainly we've become more of a specialized society focused on skills attained in college."

Kuester defined a wage

premium as the return on an education, or how much a college graduate earns relative to someone without a college degree. Although tuition costs seem steep, the value of a college education is indisputable, he said.

"The average unemployment rate for a college graduate is at 3.7 percent," Kuester said. "That's less than half of the overall unemployment rate in the United States right now. For those folks who don't have a high school degree, their unemployment rate for 25 and older is 12 percent. So it's more than three times as likely that someone who didn't finish high school doesn't get employed relative to someone who has a college degree. And it's about twice as likely that someone who doesn't finish college would be unable to find employment, relative to someone who has that bachelor's degree."

Kuester explained the increase in wage premium in relation to today's job market

and the shift in the economy. He said the decline in manufacturing or blue-collar jobs in the United States has caused increased demand for more highly-skilled employees, which explains why a growing number of Americans are completing college degrees.

"For a large number of jobs that might require more brawn than brain power, the wages just aren't going to be as high as they once were," he said. "Today, a skill set that we might consider to be more white-collar is going to be held in higher regard. I think the change in technology and machinery that could displace some of those workers has decreased the demand for labor."

Philippe Belley, assistant professor of economics, said when weighing the value of a college education, it is important to consider the alternative to earning a college degree.

"There's a lot of talk about

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Local, world news briefs

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

71 K-State faculty members earn promotions

According to a Monday news release from the university, 71 K-State faculty members earned promotions in rank, and 43 of those earned tenure.

The promotions, which will go into effect July 1, include 26 promotions to full professor, 43 to associate professor with tenure and two to clinical associate professor.

New details emerge in Oscar Pistorius murder case

According to CNN, an unnamed official familiar with the case said on Monday that South African model Reeva Steenkamp was shot four times through the bathroom door at the Pretoria home of her boyfriend, Olympic sprinter Oscar Pistorius.

The official, who was not authorized to release details to the media, said Steenkamp was alive after the shooting, and was carried downstairs by Pistorius, who

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K-State Veterans Center to commemorate 2-year anniversary

Russell Edem
contributing writer

K-State's sesquicentennial celebration kicked off last Thursday, and the ongoing festivities will include the dedication of the K-State Veterans Center. The Veterans Center, located on the ground floor of the K-State Student Union, is designed to give military-affiliated students a home on campus.

"The Veterans Center provides a community, and in addition to that, it provides a study place, a networking place and free computer usage to help with the academic transition as well," said Suzanne Lueker, director of Non-Traditional and Veteran Student Services.

The Veterans Center is celebrating its second anniversary on Thursday. Lueker said she wanted to wait until K-State's sesquicentennial celebration to dedicate the center.

"I purposely waited to do this for the two-year anniversary instead of the one-year, that way it could be one of the events during the 150-year celebration," Lueker said.

Throughout its history, K-State has held a long partnership with the military, said Art DeGroat, director

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Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

Army Specialist Kyle Kegley (right), junior in sociology, helps Cadet Andre Wyche (left), junior in sociology, with the precise measurement and placement of the ribbons and awards on his dress blues on the morning of Nov. 28, 2012, in preparation for the ROTC cadet awards ceremony that night.



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Sitting in lecture, I tell myself, "I'm not going to look at the clock until there's 10 minutes left." I look up a while later, and only 5 minutes have gone by. FML.

Don't hate on Huggy Bear, he put us on the map. Hating him makes us just like KU fans.

"I think we deserve more than a point for Phelps being a KU fan." Ok, fair enough. +1 point for each of Phelps' kids, and +1 for every year Phelps has been alive

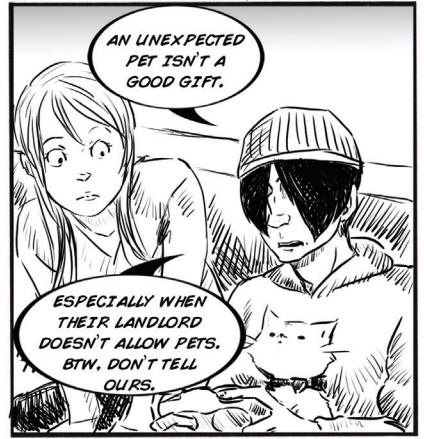

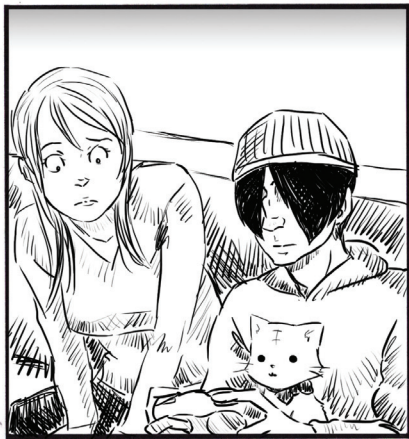
Bruce Weber shaking students' hands in the Union. What a boss.

To the person who did it wrong, a smiley is :), not, (:

Every time I see you take the elevator at Hale, I judge you.

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CORRECTIONS

There was an error in the Feb. 18 issue. In the article on the front page titled, "Iconic star provides comedy at K-State," Carol Burnett's age was misprinted as 80. Burnett is 79. The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call managing editor Darrington Clark at 785-532-6556 or email [news@kstatecollegian.com](#).

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Shelby Marie Odel Combs, of Junction City, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Monday, Feb. 18

Racheal Elizabeth Hull, of the 700 block of Thurston Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

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Scoring depth, balance key to K-State's offense

John Zetmeir
staff writer

The K-State men's basketball team has displayed evidence its depth throughout the season. The Wildcats' depth, however, became more apparent in their last four victories, as four players or more have scored in double digits in each game.

"Five guys in double figures," said head coach Bruce Weber. "I think that's how our team has evolved; we've learned that when you take [Rodney McGruder] away, there is still some other people that can make some plays."

On Big Monday, K-State saw five players score 10 points or more against West Virginia. Leading the way was junior guard Will Spradling, who tied his career-high with 19 points. Spradling played aggressively throughout the night, but going 7-of-7 from the free-throw line seemed to jump-start both his morale and his play on the defensive end, he said.

"You see it go through the net and that gives me confidence right there, and then a lot of my shots off of the dribble came right from the same spot, so I was pretty much shooting free throws the whole night," Spradling said. "I actually felt like I got it started from the defensive end. I had those two quick charges and two quick tips and that got me confidence right off of the bat."

Sophomore forward Nino Williams finished second behind Spradling with 13 points, going 6-of-8 from the field. This was Williams' best offensive game since he finished with a career-high 17 points in the Big 12 Conference opener against Oklahoma State on Jan. 5. Recently it has been junior guard Shane Southwell who has seen the minutes that Williams was playing early in the season. Weber said that it is the competition that pushes both Southwell and Williams.

Coming off of his career-best game of 22 points and 10 assists on Saturday, sophomore guard Angel Rodriguez finished with 11 points and seven assists. Sophomore forward Thomas Gipson finished with 11 points in 22 minutes. In the Wildcats' first matchup against West Virginia on Jan. 12, Gipson was held in check, finishing with only 3 points.

Senior guard Rodney McGruder, the team's leading scorer, finished the night with 10 points. Weber applauded his team for being able to score without relying on McGruder to set the tempo.

"I think that it's the best part about our team. Every game it's somebody else," Weber said. "Tonight it's Will and Nino stepping up. We have good balance."

BBALL | Weber: 'We need everyone to play well'



Parker Robb | Collegian
West Virginia guard Juwan Staten argues with the referee during the Wildcats' game against Bob Huggins' West Virginia Mountaineers Monday night at Bramlage Coliseum. K-State head coach Bruce Weber said he advised his players before the highly physical game to "keep your poise, let them do whatever they need to do and don't retaliate."

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season and matched his career high of 19. The junior guard shot 5-of-9 from the field on 2-for-4 shooting from beyond the 3-point arc. Spradling was also a perfect 7-of-7 from the charity stripe.

"We did a terrible job guarding him," Huggins said. "We had a freshman on him and they did not do a very good job. He is a good player. You give him chances, he will make them. We gave him chances and he made them."

The Wildcats came out of the

locker room with a punch as they started the second half off on a 10-2 run and held a 43-22 lead with 16:25 left in the game.

"When we win, it's because we play hard and guard," Weber said. "We've gotten better on offense, so it gives people another thing they have to worry about."

Courtesy of a early second-half technical foul on Huggins, the Mountaineers pushed the game within 14 points, but a later error on behalf of freshman guard Eron Harris cost them the late opportunity to close the gap any further.

With 9:24 left in the game,

Harris took out some of his frustration, sending Spradling to the floor and also ending his night with zero points. The junior from Overland Park, Kan., fell victim to the hard foul and took to the free throw line for four shots.

In a game of great physicality in which 49 fouls were called, 21 against West Virginia and 28 against K-State, Weber said the Wildcats held their poise and managed against one of the stronger, more physical teams in the Big 12 Conference.

"It was something we talked about several times in the

huddle," Weber said. "Keep your poise, let them do whatever they need to do and don't retaliate."

With junior starting guard Shane Southwell playing limited minutes, Williams stepped up for the Wildcats. Weber said it will be key for the Wildcats to pick up for each other as they close the regular season with five key conference games.

"We need Nino to play well, we need Shane to play well, we need everyone to play well," Weber said. "We've got a big five-game stretch here, we've got in there and in the race."

Two-minute drill

Mark Kern
sports editor

NBA

The NBA lost an important figure on Monday when Lakers owner Jerry Buss passed away after kidney failure. The 80-year-old bought the Los Angeles Lakers in 1979 and went on to be a part of 10 NBA championships in his 34 years owning the team. The Lakers will remain in the family as two of Buss' children, Jeanie and Jim, will be co-owners of the team.

NCAAF

In a down year for quarterbacks, USC Trojan Matt Barkley has decided not to throw at this year's NFL scouting combine, his agents said on Monday. This is a controversial move as his quarterback competitors Geno Smith, Tyler Wilson and Mike Glennon have decided that they will throw, giving them a distinct advantage. At the beginning of the season, Barkley was the prohibitive favorite to be the No. 1 overall pick, but a subpar season by the Trojans might have pushed him out of the first round.

NCAAB

California basketball coach Mike Montgomery was reprimanded by the Pac-12 Conference on Monday for shoving junior guard Allen Crabbe during the Golden Bears' 76-68 victory over rival USC on Sunday night. The Bears were down 15 points when Crabbe missed an assignment and headed to the bench where Montgomery pushed him. When asked about it, Crabbe had no resentment, saying that Montgomery was trying to motivate him, and it worked as the Bears came back and won the game.

Montgomery apologized for his actions, saying that it was done in the heat of the moment, and that the team will move on.

NFL

Amid trade rumors, New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis is demanding answers from the team after not hearing from them during the offseason, according to a Monday ESPN.com article. Revis missed most of last season due to a torn ACL, but is still widely regarded as the best cornerback in the NFL.

The Jets are in a tough financial situation, and they are expected to cut multiple veterans.

Long jump duo rising to top of Big 12 Conference

Mark Kern
sports editor

Coming respectively from Ontario, Canada, and the Turks and Caicos Islands, it seems rather obvious that the life stories of Jharyl Bowry and Ifeanyi Otuonye are fairly different. However, as they've come together on the K-State track and field team as long jumpers, the athletes have found a common goal of success and achievement.

Both have set impressive marks heading into their first season as Wildcats. Otuonye stands as the national record holder in the men's long jump for the Turks and Caicos Islands and has also competed in the record-holding 4x100 meter relay team. The freshman was also the silver medalist in the long jump at the 2012 Central American and Caribbean Games.

Bowry transferred from Barton Community College in Great Bend, Kan., and won the NJCAA indoor national title last season with a jump of 25-04.39 inches. He also finished second in the outdoor meet. The junior came in second at the Canadian Olympic Trials but was not able to advance to London, falling just underneath the Olympic standard.

Both of the Wildcat long jumpers have been surprised with their transitions to K-State and are excited for the season to progress.

"Coming from JUCO, I'm not exactly used to all of the stuff here to train with and all of the medical work," Bowry said. "Definitely the three-hour practices and 6 a.m. weights are an adjustment, but it's worth it in the end so I love every minute of it."

Having to compete in the indoor environment is new for Otuonye, who anticipates a smoother transition to the outdoor season but said he has learned plenty about himself as a competitor so far.

"When we get outdoors, I'll actually appreciate it a little bit more because it's what I'm used to," Otuonye said. "I should feel a little more at home and I feel outdoors could be a really good season. I already jumped 7.40 meters indoor and who knows what will happen when we get outside."

With the Big 12 Conference Indoor Championships coming up this weekend, both Bowry and Otuonye stand to improve on marks that currently place them at the top of the conference.

Bowry, ranked No. 1 in the Big 12, enters this weekend's competition with a conference and season-best of 24-08.50. Otuonye falls just behind at 24-03.50.

Head coach Cliff Rovelto said that each jumper has a great chance of ranking near the top of the conference standings at season's end.

"I do think that those two guys are guys that are capable of jumping 26 feet or 25-plus, which in any year would put you up in the top two or three guys," Rovelto said.



Emily DeShazer | Collegian
Junior long jumper Jharyl Bowry, who transferred mid-season from Barton Community College in Great Bend, Kan., takes a running start before jumping at last weekend's KSU Open meet at Ahearn Field House.

Rovelto said Otuonye's progress in the long jump is impressive, especially because he has been trained to compete in the 400-meter dash.

"He's a quarter-miler that jumps," Rovelto said. "He has already jumped further indoors than he's ever jumped in his life."

Otuonye achieved a personal-best performance in his first indoor meet, then exceeded the mark in his second meet, Rovelto said.

"Both of those jumps were longer than he's ever jumped outdoors," he said. "He's making really good progress in the long jump even though that's not what we're primarily training him for."

Rovelto said Bowry has transi-

tioned well to Division-I competition and hasn't let his mid-year transferring process get in the way.

"He's a very gifted guy," Rovelto said. "He jumped really far in his second year of community college and he's a quality, quality athlete. I think that he has done fine and I think he'll show significant progress over the next month or so because he's going to get a little sharper and a little fitter. He did a pretty good job of training in the fall so compared to most of the mid-year guys, he has been working out pretty well."

As competition heats up, both Bowry and Otuonye said it is important not to become over-confident.

"I know for sure that I can pop off another big one," Otuonye said. "I'm not going to become complacent at all because Jharyl is right there and he's great competition. I don't know the conference too well, so it makes me want to do better not knowing exactly what's ahead."

Bowry said that each week will bring added toughness and difficulty to the competition.

"I was ranked eighth [in the nation] the first week of competition and now I'm ranked 11th," Bowry said. "Every week it has to be a steady progress and I'll never sit on anything I've done, because people who do that tend to take it for granted and it can be taken away just that fast."

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Foreign policy: How should US react to Iranian nukes?



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Economic sanctions safest way for US to send message to Iran



Jakki Thompson

If you are like me and have been religiously following the news about the possibility of Iran gaining access to nuclear weapons, you may be as alarmed about the situation as I am. I have really been struggling with the consequences that could arise from Iran's possession of nuclear weapons.

Could this lead to another arms race similar to the Cold War of the 1960s? Could this lead to nuclear fallout or war? Could Iran use these potential weapons to take down other world powers? These answers may seem ambiguous right now, but the closer Iran comes to possessing nuclear arms, the more intimidating the answers become.

As a concerned citizen of the United States of America, I am alarmed at the potential of any nation's possession of nuclear weapons. However, living in a nation that has taken action and plans on taking more action where Iran is concerned, I feel the safest solution is the continued use of economic sanctions, as well as a potential invasion if sufficient proof of nuclear weapons is presented.

Many nations, including both the United States and Iran, have signed such treaties as the Biological Weapons Convention, the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Despite this, there is still a possibility that Iran is constructing or could potentially come into possession of nuclear weapons.

I feel economic sanctions have been one of the United States' and many European nations' strongest signals that they will not accept the creation of nuclear weapons on an international level.

According to a Feb. 6 New York Times article by Thomas Erdbrink and David E. Sanger, "... [O]il exports from Iran have dropped by a million barrels a day, and ... the free fall in the currency has caused huge inflation — a result of American- and European-led sanctions as well as economic mismanagement by the Iranian government. The West escalated the economic war

another notch on [Feb. 6], imposing a new set of restrictions intended to force Iran into what amounts to a form of barter trade for oil, because payments for oil deliveries can no longer be sent to accounts inside Iran.

"A senior Obama administration official called the latest step 'a significant turning of the screw,' repeating the administration's four-year argument that the mullahs here face a 'stark choice' between holding on to their nuclear program or reviving their oil revenue, the country's economic lifeblood."

Economic sanctions are acknowledged by a 1997 CRS Report for Congress as being generally defined as "coercive economic measures taken against one or more countries to force a change in policies, or at least to demonstrate a country's opinion about the other's policies."

Economic sanctions are one of the best actions the United States and European nations could have taken against the potential creation of Iranian nuclear weapons. By crippling Iran's economy, these governments show that their top priority is protecting their own people. Because of the government's refusal to change their ways in response to the economic sanctions, the people of Iran have suffered.

Right now, there is a lack of sufficient proof that Iran actually possesses nuclear weapons. However, if the nation is taking the direction it appears to be, it will only be a short period of time before there is enough evidence to prove they possess nuclear weapons. When that time comes, I can see an invasion of Iran following shortly.

Even though there are already many armed forces serving in the Middle East, I feel this situation is as high-risk as those we faced with the Taliban, Hezbollah or al-Qaida. As sketchy as the behaviors and actions of Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader and former president, invasion seems almost inevitable.

It is important that citizens of the United States keep informed about issues of nuclear war, especially in regards to a nation like Iran, which has been leaving out information and dancing around the truth. United States citizens should be thinking about the potential of another arms race, which may be coming sooner rather than later.

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United States, Israel should stay out of Iran's nuclear business



Ian Huyett

Barack Obama's presidency has been a busy one for American interventionism. His administration has overseen a costly troop surge in Afghanistan, disastrous police action in Libya and an unprecedented campaign of drone warfare across Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. Using the largest military budget since World War II, the president has kept U.S. forces stationed in over 150 countries around the world.

With our national debt climbing beyond \$16.5 trillion, one might expect our government to scale back its litany of overseas entanglements and look inward. In fact, according to a Jan. 2011 Gallup poll, more Americans favor cutting foreign aid than any other area of spending. Our government, however, seems to think that America is still not policing the world enough.

In his January 2012 State of the Union address, President Obama announced that "America is determined to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, and I will take no options off the table to achieve that goal."

Although it's been just over a year since U.S. troops completed their withdrawal from Iraq, our policymakers apparently have short memories. We may now be closer than ever before to the fulfillment of the president's Iran threat.

Earlier last week, the White House announced that President Obama will soon meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to discuss the "enduring bonds between the United States and Israel."

Israeli officials, however, told The Daily Telegraph that the president's trip will actually focus on Iran. "The deal ... may be on the subject of war, not of peace," said a diplomat in a Feb. 6 article by The Telegraph.

Moreover, according to a Feb. 6 New York Times article by Rick Gladstone, the U.S. ratcheted up sanctions against Iran the day after the trip was announced.

The administration makes these sanctions sound noble enough. They are intended to punish human rights abuses and defend "basic freedoms of expression, assembly and speech," said David Cohen, a Treasury undersecretary, in the Times article.

Yet, throughout human history, sanctions have abjectly failed to do anything of the kind. The Greek playwright Aristophanes, for example, argued that sanctions imposed by the Athenian Empire triggered the great Peloponnesian War in which Athens was smashed. Likewise, the U.S. embargo against Cuba has clearly failed to unseat the Castro dictatorship for over 50 years.

Sure enough, the New York Times reports in another Feb. 6 article by Thomas Erdbrink and David E. Sanger, even with sanctions against it now more stringent than ever, Iran has become an international marketplace.

In Tehran, Chinese contractors are building multilevel highways, Samsung and LG billboards abound, and "it seems as if new restaurants and fast food joints are opening up every day, and never lacking for customers," the article states. Our government's futile new sanctions, then, may have less to do with advancing human rights and more to do with signaling to Israel that we are ready to act on its behalf.

The U.S. and Israel, like many nations around the world, certainly have some overlapping interests. It warrants remem-

bering, however, that Israel is not the 51st state in the Union. Israel, like the U.S., is a sovereign nation with its own unique goals — and they are not always identical to ours. Protecting Israel's status as the sole nuclear power in the region should not in itself be a compelling reason to go to war.

If Americans do not heed George Washington's advice to "act for ourselves and not for others," Iran may become the straw that breaks the back of our weary empire, and we may go the way of every power that has walked our path before us.

Granted, there are still those that claim Iran, should it become a nuclear power, would immediately commit national suicide by obliterating all of Israel and the Palestinian territories along with it. This fatuous assumption dates back to 2005, when a remark by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad about Israel was mistranslated as "wiped off the map" — an English idiom.

Ahmadinejad did not say he was going to wipe Israel off the map because no such idiom exists in Persian," said Juan Cole, professor of Middle Eastern history at the University of Michigan, as quoted in a June 11, 2006, New York Times article. "He did say he hoped its regime, i.e., a Jewish-Zionist state occupying Jerusalem, would collapse."

Moreover, according to an Oct. 2, 2012, Guardian article by Glenn Greenwald, Ahmadinejad himself has posed an interesting question. "Let's even imagine that we have an atomic weapon," he said. "What would we do with it? What intelligent person would fight 5,000 American bombs with one bomb?"

I hate to say it, but he has a good point.

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Americans missing out on joys, benefits of foreign-language music



Skylar Parrott

If you listen to the top-40 hits on the radio, you'll likely notice that none of the songs are in a foreign language. In this multilingual country, we have a strange monogamous relationship with music in English. I would think that it would be normal by now

to hear a Spanish, French or even Japanese pop song come on the radio in this culturally-diverse country.

For a while, we had "Gangnam Style" by the eccentric and controversial South Korean artist, Psy. The music video was incredibly popular. Although it reached the No. 1 spot on YouTube's most popular videos with over 1.3 billion views, it never reached the same level of popularity we see with American-made music.

While there are some Spanish-speaking artists like Jennifer Lopez and Shakira, most Spanish music is played

on Spanish radio stations that are segregated from the mainstream, predominantly English-speaking stations.

A non-English song hasn't topped the charts since the song "La Bamba" by Los Lobos in 1987, and before that, there hadn't been a chart-topping song in a language other than English since the French song "Dominique" and the Japanese song "Sukiyaki" both reached the No. 1 spot in 1963.

As a lover of all things British, French and foreign in general, I highly encourage everyone to listen to foreign content in all forms. Step out of your comfort zone and

watch "La Vie En Rose," a fabulous award-winning French film. Or listen to "Corre!" a song by Jesse and Joy, a Mexican pop-rock duo. Words in a foreign tongue are not only beautiful and seductive, but they also open our eyes to the complexity of music and languages.

How about learning a new language? Multiple scholars and studies have found that integrating music in a foreign language into your life assists in the learning process. A 1998 study exposed children to a curriculum emphasizing music instruction over language and mathematics. The

results showed that students in the music instruction group improved in language and reading.

America should be more open to foreign artists. We are not a principally monolingual country. As our country evolves, so should our music. If you go to any other country, you will hear plenty of American songs. I'm sure "Call Me Maybe" is playing in shopping malls all over the world at this very moment.

Why was America so much more accepting of foreign music in the '60s and '80s? My guess is that people are hesitant because they can't

understand it — but that shouldn't matter. Music is beautiful in every language, even if you don't quite know what it is about.

After all, what is "Gangnam Style" even saying? It is my hope that "Gangnam Style" has opened the door for a foreign music wave in America. With a bit of luck, the public will be more accepting of the unfamiliar and we will see a rise of music from abroad on the public radio.

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ROTC | K-State offers support to active military, veterans, families in many forms

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of military affairs and retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.

"The impact that military students, and particularly veterans, have had on the shaping of K-State as we know it today is profound and, in my opinion, somewhat understated," DeGroat said. "Our institutional history fully captures the many positive changes that our veterans, administration and faculty have made over the years as a result of Kansas State University actively supporting our nation at war over six major conflicts. I hope we leverage the 150th celebration period to help tell these stories."

Fort Riley and K-State work together to help active-duty soldiers, veterans and their families continue their education. These groups of people make up a small part of the student body but lend their unique experience to the community.

"I see them as a role model

in leadership and they have a higher maturity level for the younger students to look up to," said Nannette Easterling, adviser for veterans affairs at K-State.

Communication between veterans, non-traditional students and traditional students can encourage students to network and learn from the experiences of other students.

"Networking is important for students. I like to think if the traditional students and the non-traditional students communicate with each other, their network will grow," Easterling said.

Throughout its history, the university has offered many programs for students involved with the military, including long-distance education, campus classes and off-campus classes offered through K-State at Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth.

The oldest program still offered to those who meet the requirements is the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, which trains commissioned officers of

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The program distributes scholarships for students that covers some or all of their tuition. Upon graduation, students are required to serve time in the armed forces for the training they have received through the university.

"The Officers' Training Corp is an integral part of any university where it exists," said Lt. Col. Robert Dixon, professor of military science.

The program dates back to 1863, when K-State was founded as a land-grant school under

the Morrill Act of 1862. This act granted federal land to states to develop institutions of higher education.

One provision of the Morrill Act specified that all land-grant schools must provide military training, a requirement established by the United States Department of War to furnish a supply of officers in time of war.

The Morrill Act had certain criteria that these schools had to meet, one of those criteria being military tactics, which was translated to a corps of cadets," Dixon said.

Active-duty soldiers, veterans and their families are able to attend school and pay for tuition under multiple federal bills.

The Montgomery GI bill provides up to 36 months of educational benefits. During active duty, the soldier signs up for the bill and has to meet certain requirements in order to obtain these benefits.

The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program allows for veterans with service-related disabilities to receive training for a new career through a university, community college or trade school.

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 provides 36 months of financial assistance to soldiers and veterans with at least 90 days of aggregate service after Sept. 11, 2001. These benefits can also be passed down to a dependent of the soldier or veteran.

"It's wonderful that K-State and the Veterans Affairs Office have this relationship," Easterling

said. "It helps so many people to continue their education."

K-State offers research, clinical and academic programs for families of military students through the Institute for the Health and Security of Military Families.

Research programs include the Couples and Family Resiliency Project and the Financial Resiliency of Soldiers Project, which are designed to help soldiers and their families with the struggles of returning from combat.

The clinical programs include marriage and family therapy, financial therapy, communication disorders and athletic training.

A complete list of programs and other information can be found at militaryfamilies.k-state.edu.

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